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The Mexican Situation.

What has been going on in Mexico during the last few weeks has been little short of pure savagery. There has been scarcely a touch of civilization anywhere in it. The Madero administration, which came into existence a few months ago by revolution and violence, has completely broken down under the counter-revolution of the younger Diaz and his followers. Murder and assassination have gone on in the most atrocious way. Fighting between the different factions in the streets of the capital has been as savage and brutal as in the worst days of the Paris barricades a hundred years ago. The conditions have been such as greatly to burden the consciences and hearts of all civilized men.

How can Mexico and the Mexican people be saved from this reign of anarchy and lawlessness? The "strong hand" cannot do it. Porfirio Diaz ruled Mexico with an iron hand for a whole generation, and, though he did much in many ways for the country, his administration at last collapsed, help-

lessly and hopelessly, because his system was a piece of avaricious and high-handed absolutism, and failed entirely to win and hold the confidence of the people.

General Huerta, who has come to the presidency as a sequence of the revolution and the murderous events connected with it, is said to be mastering the situation with a "strong hand." But unless something very different from the strong hand is put into the march of events the new president's days will be "few and evil." The sequence of one strong hand is another strong hand. The "mailed fist" always repels the dove of peace. The tragic events of the last few weeks have sowed the seeds of bitter revenge and of half a dozen new revolutions.

What Mexico needs is not so much American and European capital, important as that is for her development, as it is imbued with the fundamental principles of simple morals, the acceptance and practice of the old doctrines of justice, human rights, liberties, and equalities, and the abandonment, sincerely and heartily, of political ambition, greed, and unscrupulous self-seeking. Until this is done and the people are given a genuine election, in which to choose the political leaders of the nation, there never can be any genuine peace and order in the country. We have no reason to believe that the Mexican people as a whole are of the same character as the revolutionists and dictators who have marred the nation so much, and if the government can come into their hands, a genuine Mexican democracy be established, and the country freed from the clutches of foreign adventurers and speculators, the future of Mexico may well become one of settled order, growing prosperity, and honor among the nations.

The Fourth American Peace Congress.

To be held at St. Louis, May 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The organization of the Fourth American Peace Congress, to be held in St. Louis, May 1, 2, 3, and 4, is proceeding most encouragingly. Tuesday, February 18, President Wilson graciously received a committee from the St. Louis Business Men's League, which committee comprised Mr. A. L. Shapleigh, president of the league, and Mr. James E. Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the congress. President Wilson not only showed a keen and sincere interest, but gladly accepted the invitation to serve as honorary president of the congress. He also expressed himself as anxious to attend, and hoped that he would be able to deliver